

McLennan Community College
Health Professions

Division Policies & Procedures

Subject: Student Attendance in Didactic Classes

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Responsibility: Dean, Program Directors, Faculty

Review date:

Purpose: McLennan Community College expects regular and punctual class attendance from all students. In Health Professions programs, regular class attendance is expected as a demonstration of professional workplace behavior and late arrival and/or early departure is considered as absenteeism. Students, whether present or absent, are ultimately responsible for all material presented or assigned in the classroom and will be held accountable for these materials in determination of their grade. Absences from didactic classes prevent the Health Professions student from receiving full benefit of the course, diminish the quality of group interaction in the classroom setting and may interrupt progression in the program.

Policy: A McLennan Health Professions student in a didactic course missing a cumulative of 15 percent of the class meetings due to unexcused absences will be dropped.

Students will be permitted to make up class work and assignments missed as outlined in the course syllabus due to absences caused by (1) authorized participation in official College functions, (2) personal illness, (3) an illness or a death in the immediate family, (4) Pregnant or Parenting Protections under Title IX and/or Texas State Education Code Chapter 51, Subchapter Z, Section 51.982 or (5) any excused absences as outlined in College policy B-II. In all other cases, the instructor has the prerogative of determining whether a student may make up work missed.

Students are responsible for any work missed regardless for the cause of absence, as indicated in the institutional attendance policy. The student must initiate conversation with the instructor in a timely fashion, as defined by the program, and complete work according to timelines established with each course instructor.